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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The magnetically-actuated coupler assembly of claim [1] 6 wherein the leaf spring is secured to the first end of the drawbar and extends outward and around the first end of the drawbar to form a C-shape.

3. (Amended) The magnetically-actuated coupler assembly of claim [1] 6 wherein the outer tip of the coupler knuckle contains a lip which extends inward toward the post.

4. (Amended) The magnetically-actuated coupler assembly of claim [1] 6 wherein the drawbar includes an extension lip, extending from the drawbar.

5. (Amended) The magnetically actuated coupler assembly of claim [1] 6 wherein the coupler knuckle contains a slot, an edge of which interacts with one of the stops of the couple head to limit the capability of the coupler knuckle to open.